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October 22, 1990

Mr. Alexander J. Gonzales Deputy Commissioner Legal and Compliance State Board of Insurance 1110 San Jacinto Austin, Texas 78701-1998

OR90-507

Dear Mr. Gonzales:

By letter of March 8, 1990, you ask whether certain information pertaining to an insurance company receivership, Title USA Insurance Corporation, is subject required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was designated ID# 9054.

You first claim that records held by the courtappointed receiver are not records of a governmental body subject to the Open Records Act. We will reserve this question, since it is before the court in State of Texas v. Southwest American Lloyds Insurance Company et al, 481,060 (Dist. Ct. of Travis County, 98th Judicial Dist. of Texas), and instead resolve this matter on the basis of the exceptions to the Open Records Act that you cite.

We have considered the exception you claimed, section 3(a)(3) of the Open Records Act. A previous determination of this office, Open Records Decision No. 551 (1990), a copy of which is enclosed, resolves your request. For this reason, you may withhold the requested information.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR90-507.

Yours very truly,

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Enclosure: Open Records Decision No. 551

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